



The Knightlighter



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3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC

June

- 1st Council Mtg @ 7 p.m.
- 2nd Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 4th Tent setup for Yard Sale @ 9 a.m.
- 7th Bingo
- 9th Assembly Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 10th First Day of Yard Sale
- 14th Bingo
- 21st Bingo
- 27th K of C Family Picnic @ 2 p.m.
- 28th Bingo
- 29th Council Officers Mtg – 7 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

May brought some calm to our normally hectic schedule of events. Bingo attendance continued to improve. We project that our revenue for this Fraternal Year will be around \$27,000. Our normal revenue is closer to \$65,000. Fortunately, the Assembly more than made up the difference with generous support so that we could continue our charitable giving. Our May Council Business Meeting was well attended. At that meeting our Faith Director, SK Dick Dodson reported that the St. Paul School Gala was a huge success. Also, the school has a new bus to support activity travel. School attendance is

anticipated to be high again in the coming school year. SK Dave Nelson, the Community Director, reported that all expenditures were completed with another very successful year. The final LAMB report for CY 2020 has been published. Our council contributed \$7,426.00. Our goal for CY 2021 is \$7,575.00. Since COVID is preventing us from having the Tootsie Roll Campaign at Wal-Mart we are considering other options. Creative ideas are welcomed. At the May Business Meeting the membership approved another transfer, Brother Vincent Pedulla from Immaculate Conception Parish in Hampton, VA.

The State Convention was held virtually on Saturday, May 15th. The webinar opened with a video of the new Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. The Order is doing well and has been very helpful to many during the world-wide pandemic. The NC State Council raffle winners were selected. Unfortunately, none of the tickets sold by Council 3303 were selected. There were 27, 619 tickets sold with a revenue of \$138,095. Half of that was kept by the local councils. Our

council was able to keep just over \$900.

I appreciate the help of the DGK and several officers in preparing the documents that must be produced at the close of the Fraternal Year. We submitted the Columbian Award Application and were notified by Supreme that our Council has qualified once again for the Columbian Award. I submitted an End of Year Report to the State Secretary and will post it on the bulletin board in the Chambers. The IRS 990 Form has been completed and submitted. Special thanks to the FS, James Knicknerbocker for preparing all the input for the IRS 990. Kudos to Doug Uhland for transferring all our accounts from Bank of America to BB&T. Finally, I want to thank Craig Baader for again taking over the Knightlighter Editor duties. Thanks also to Guy Ferrante for his diligence in editing the Knightlighter over the past several months. As of this writing we are looking forward to an informative Day of Reflection on May 22d led by REV William P. Lesak, our State Chaplain.

Looking Ahead: We are planning Council sponsored events in June and beyond.

Family Picnic: In June we will have a Family Picnic on the grounds of the Columbus Club Hall. We intend this to be a time to relax, have a hot dog or hamburger and enjoy visiting with our fellow Knights and family members. The time and date are set: 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday June 27th.

Installation of Council and Assembly Officers: Save the date of Sunday, August 1, 2021 for the Fraternal Year 2021-22 Installation of Officers. Planning is underway for a superb celebration and kick-off for another year.

Fraternal Year 2021-22 Budget Input Requested: The new Fraternal Year Budget will be presented and tabled at the June Business Meeting. The draft budget will be sent to all members via email. If any member desires to recommend changes send them to the to the Financial Secretary at fs.kofc3303@knick-nc.net not later than June 15th. The new budget will be voted on at the July Business Meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Harman
Grand Knight

Family of the Month – June

The author of this tribute feels humbled by his paltry contributions to Council 3303 compared to that of our Family of the Month, Danny and Cindy Gennantonio. Ever present, this ubiquitous couple works behind the scenes to strengthen our Council and Parish. They make things happen, in a quiet and unassuming way.

Those who work or play BINGO will always find Danny on the scene ever since 1974. It's just part of his makeup. His accolades fill pages: Past Grand Knight, NC State Knight of the Year, former State Membership Director, former Council Membership Chairman — sponsored over 500 Knights, one of which became a Deacon (Rick Fisher), 27 became Grand Knights, and 14 became Faithful Navigators. Danny also served for years as our Yard Sale Chairman and has been the Coordinator of Saint Joseph's Cemetery since 1999. The list goes on and on!

And let us not forget Cindy. She too remains intensely involved, particularly with the Catholic Daughters, and assisting Danny in their combined parish and Council efforts.

She converted to Catholicism in 1960 and has served as a member of the parish council; been a Eucharistic minister; worked the Yard Sale; Spaghetti Dinners for the Special Olympics; Operation LAMB; and like Danny, her list of accomplishments continues.

Between the two of them (Danny turns 86 in May) they have a combined service of 117 years to Saint Paul parish.

A recent event warrants a particular note. Danny and Cindy went all out for the Catholic Daughters Bake/Boutique sale held after all the Masses. They put together 37 gift baskets of plants and items from their home. Their efforts generated \$544. They had six baskets left which Danny has taken to BINGO to sell.

Talk about impact, this couple represents the epitome of selflessness. Their continued support for our Council and the parish gives us a wonderful example of the good that both faith and charity bring to the overall good of the community.

Congratulations to Danny and Cindy!

John Murphy

300 Club

The 300 Club was started in 1978 by Grand Knight Leo Pelletier. For an entry fee of \$50 individuals have a chance to win multiple times. Weekly prizes totaling \$100 and are awarded to four winners per week. Every six months two additional winners are selected with second place winning \$100, and first place winning \$1,000. Our last \$1000 winner was Pat Rocco in February 2021. Our new year just began in February so there is still time to join. Contact Jerry Brenc, the 300 Club Chairman, at (630) 235-0242.

The following people have been 300 Club Chairmen thru the years: Bill Zachman, Chick Natella, and Kevin Blust. Kevin Blust has overseen the 300 Club over the last six years. I personally would like to thank Judy and Kevin Blust for the smooth transition to oversee the 300 Club. Doug Uhland remains as the Deputy Chair. The winners for May 2021 are in the table below.

Jerry Brenc, 300 Club Chairman

May 2021 Winners

	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
May 4, 2021	Chris Blust	Joe Stuppiello	Ronald Biggs	Gerald Abramowski
May 11, 2021	Dick Dodson	Fred Ammirata	Greg Blust	Ercelia Stelle
May 18, 2021	Dave Nelson	Joan Considine	Eva Hernandez	Liz Dalessandro
May 25, 2021	Greg Blust	Dorothy Minervini	Lydia Kuhlman	Don Hanson

June - A Month of Remembrances

Where has the year gone? As we acknowledged my Brother Knights at our entrance mantra into Knighthood, 'tempus fugit, moments mortem' English translation of Latin: time flies, remember death). In brief, however long God allows us the gift of life here as an earthly traveler to Heaven, it is a drop in the bucket of time to do His Will. Puts me in mind of the lyrics to a bygone country gospel tune: 'We've got a long way to go, but a short time to get there . . . '

This year our Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh has chosen Sunday June 11 to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Other significant commemorative days include:

June 4 - Fathers Day

June 6 - 'D Day'-Anniversary of WWII pays honor to the 138,000 Allied Forces Campaign which included US, UK and Canadian men and women troops and civilians. The 55,000 who died are buried along the hilltops of Normandy and Omaha beaches in France. The bloody price they paid successfully stopped the Nazis' last attempt to capture all of Europe. and continue their push to America.

June 14 - Flag Day

June 21 - Vernal Solstice – official (astrological) start of summer; In Northern Hemisphere longest daylight hours, from this day on daylight starts getting shorter.

Why is June called June?

June was originally named Junius after Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter (from "iunores" (Latin for young men). Originally 29 days long, but Julius Caesar added a day because he was the Emperor and he felt like it. Unfounded myth says he did it so that he and his fellow government officials could keep their Rolex time pieces aligned with the face of the man in the moon who was smiling down at them.

**SK and Past Grand Knight
Mikie Casem**

Sir Knight of the Month – June

Sir Knight of the month for May is Bo Wernersbach.

Bo is a hard worker. He works in the tool area at the yard sale. Bo makes sure all the small appliances and tools are working in tip top shape. He can tell you what kind of nails and bolts he has. Tim the tool man has nothing on Bo. Bo said if he is not swinging a hammer at the yard sale he is swinging a golf club at the courses. We are all trying to figure out which one he does better. If he hits the nail it bends, and if he hits the ball it bends, so you tell me what he can do. They tell me practice makes perfect.

Bo we thank you for what you do for the Knights and the community. Keep up the good work. May GOD BLESS YOU and your family.

**Philip Nassef
Faithful Captain**

Why were the Knights of Columbus Founded?

My Brother Knights, why were the Knights of Columbus founded?

Father McGivney, now Blessed Michael McGivney, founded the Knights of Columbus, named in honor of Christopher Columbus, in 1882 to provide support and financial resources to Catholic men and families who were coping with the loss of their sole provider.

Has anyone seen the latest Knights of Columbus commercial on TV?

NO...Because there isn't one..... the millions of dollars that other companies would spend for a commercial, the Order instead donates to great causes around the world as well as providing Disaster relief funds. These funds, contrary to popular belief do not come from local Council fund raisers. Councils utilize their funds to support their home Parish and community programs.

So, where does the Order get the funds to support the global charitable outreach and disaster relief? It relies on the proceeds from the insurance program. As a not for profit, the proceeds earned by the Order goes to support many charitable causes around the world.

How do you, as a Brother Knight, assist the Order in this global effort? Invite your Field Agent to visit you. Whether you are new to the Order, or have been a Knight for years, your agent will go over the benefits of membership with you. He can also conduct a financial analysis that typically costs \$500 or more from a financial advisor. We have all the software programs to help plan your future, retirement, and legacy you want to leave behind.

Protect, Grow, Give.

Vivat Jesus

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Knight of the Month – June

Congratulations to Brother Jim Donelson, the Monsignor James R. Jones Council Knight of the Month for May 2021. Jim was born and raised in Edison, New Jersey and became a Knight in Piscataway, NJ in 2007 and a 3rd Degree Knight in 2009. While attending college to pursue an associate degree in history he also was discerning to go into the priesthood and lived in the house of discernment with others who thought of pursuing the vocation to the priesthood as well. After a year of living in the house of discernment, he went back to his home and continued to do God's work with the Boy Scouts. He was associated with the Boy Scouts for 20 years and a Scoutmaster for approximately 15 years in New Jersey before moving to Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania, he met his future wife, Evelyn. Jim and Evelyn were married on July 1, 2017 and then decided to move to New Bern in August 2020. Jim is a recent transferee into our Council.

Jim has worked in retail management, as well as operating his own Janitorial business for five years. His passion has always been hockey. Currently, he runs a youth roller hockey program in New Bern, where he additionally is the coach, teaching children how to play hockey.

Jim recently contributed his skills and time by tackling a monumental project in cleaning and waxing the floors in our Hall. He looks forward to contributing to our Council and community in the future. Welcome to Jim and Evelyn!

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight

Council Membership

Brother Knights, I am pleased to announce that we have a new member to the council who was approved at the last meeting, 3rd Degree Knight Vincent Pedulla. Vincent is a transfer from Immaculate Conception in Hampton, VA.

The Knights of Columbus have the resources needed to stand up for life, liberty, and family. The world needs Catholic men to step up and live out their faith. The Knights of Columbus helps men to answer that call to do more, and to be more. Be proactive and help our council grow by talking to prospective parishioners to join the Knights and add their voice to our nearly two million members upholding the faith and the truth.

For those Knights that want to advance their degree or for new members Online Exemplification is available on demand. For any questions or help I can be reached at 252-658-4014 or email me at d.macsay@gmail.com.

Dan Macsay Membership Director

Faithful Navigators Report

Greetings Brother Knights....



The month of June marks the end of our Fraternal year. With that, a couple of things come to mind. One is that the current Assembly Officers have come to the end of their term and it's time to elect new ones. The election will take place at our June meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 PM. If you would like to fill one of our officer positions, please let me or one of the officers know. We are especially in need of an Inner Sentinel, a position which has been vacant for the past year. The other thing that comes up this time of year is the budget. We have come up with a proposed budget which we have emailed to each of the Assembly members with an email address. I hope you have looked it over. If you have any questions about or have any ideas about how we spend our money, please bring it to the attention of one of our officers. We will be voting on it at the June meeting, so please give it a scan prior to the meeting.

I don't know if we will go to press in time, but if you read this prior to May 26th, we'll be placing American flags on all of the veterans' graves in the St. Joseph Cemetery on that day starting at 9:00 a.m. We do this every year in conjunction with the Memorial Day holiday. Memorial Day (formerly Decoration Day) traces its roots back to the Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865. That war claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. Many cities and towns have claimed to have been the first to have held Memorial Day festivities, but in 1966, the Federal Government officially proclaimed that Waterloo, NY was the birthplace of Memorial Day. It became an official federal holiday in 1971, occurring on the last Sunday in May each year. It is a time when we all should take a step back and remember all those who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of our great nation.

Finally, our summer yard sale is coming up. The dates of the sale are June 10-12, but there is always a lot of activity in the week to 10 days prior to the event. If you can give any time at all, we can use your help every to sort, display, and price donations. We will be setting up the tents on June 4 and moving furniture and setting up displays on the 8th and 9th. Come on out and help make this the success that I'm sure it will be.

That's all for now – if you haven't done so already, please get your COVID 19 vaccination as soon as you can so we can finally throw away those masks and get things back to normal. Hope to see you at the next meeting, so until then, stay safe and have a great day.

God Bless us everyone,

Doug Uhland
Faithful Navigator

Summer Yard Sale



The Pandemic is winding down, the storage areas are full, the volunteers from the base have been requested, the dates are set, and we are just about ready to go. Oh yeah, we have just under a month remaining but all of these statements are still true.

We are happy to report that we have an abundance of inventory to ensure a successful sale and the volunteers who work tirelessly outside and inside of the building are ready!

We will be looking for volunteers to work the event in the coming weeks, so please help us with the sale to help ensure the financial viability of our organization.

Tents will go up on Friday, June 5th at 9 a.m. The more the merrier when 9 large tents need to be assembled.

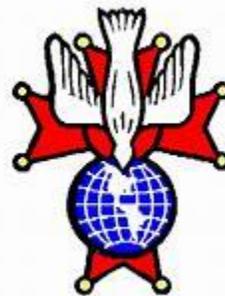
Inventory will come out on the morning of Tuesday, June 8th with the help of the volunteers from our organization and those provided by Cherry Point. This will be quite a task this time as we have our normal storage areas to empty along with 3 large storage areas that we had to rent for storage of the furniture donated in the past several weeks.

The sale will open up at 8 am on the morning of Thursday, June 10th and will run thru Saturday, June 12th.

The event is a major undertaking but the help of our volunteers and the group military volunteers, we should be able to ensure another successful sale.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Pat Rocco
Yard Sale Chairman



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